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H. CON. RES. 113

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the murder of United States Air Force Reserve Major Karl D. Hoerig and the need for prompt justice in State of Ohio v. Claudia C. Hoerig.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. BOCCIERI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the murder of United States Air Force Reserve Major Karl D. Hoerig and the need for prompt justice in State of Ohio v. Claudia C. Hoerig.

Whereas United States Air Force Reserve Major Karl D. Hoerig of Newton Falls, Ohio, was a United States citizen and soldier who admirably served his country for over 25 years and flew over 200 combat missions;

Whereas Claudia C. Hoerig, Karl D. Hoerig's wife, allegedly purchased a .357 five-shot revolver, practiced shooting the weapon, and then maliciously shot Karl D. Hoerig three times which led to his death on March 12, 2007;

Whereas the State of Ohio has charged Claudia C. Hoerig with aggravated murder in the case of State of Ohio v. Claudia C. Hoerig;

Whereas Claudia C. Hoerig, a citizen of both Brazil and the United States, fled to Brazil to seek sanctuary and avoid justice;

Whereas despite the Treaty of Extradition between the United States and Brazil (December 17, 1964), the latter's constitution forbids extradition of its nationals and, therefore, legally protects Claudia C. Hoerig from extradition to the United States;

Whereas if Brazilian criminals were to seek sanctuary in the United States, they would be extradited to Brazil as a matter of justice;

Whereas the United States and Brazil should recognize and uphold an extradition treaty of equal reciprocity which allows each country to seek justice;

Whereas State of Ohio v. Claudia C. Hoerig is considered to be a strong case, the charge of aggravated murder is internationally recognized and the punishment, which is not capital punishment, is internationally respected; and

Whereas Members of Congress have sought assistance from the Department of State, the Department of Justice, and numerous Brazilian officials: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3 (1) the alleged aggravated murder of United
4 States Air Force Reserve Major Karl D. Hoerig is
5 deserving of justice;

1 (2) the United States seeks the extradition of
2 Claudia C. Hoerig and the full cooperation of Brazil;

3 (3) Major Karl D. Hoerig's family and friends
4 deserve closure regarding the murder of their loved
5 one; and

6 (4) justice in the case of State of Ohio v. Clau-
7 dia C. Hoerig is important to maintain the tradition-
8 ally close cooperation and trust between the United
9 States and Brazil, as evidenced by the fact that the
10 United States is Brazil's number one trading part-
11 ner and a major contributor of foreign aid.

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